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Subject: CBD Action Alert -- AE Applications

All -

The following action alert from the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) was brought to my attention this week. I'm sure you were already aware this effort to flood the USEPA with emails was underway but I wanted to share it with you just in case. It is clear from the alert that CBD's goal is to prevent the state from updating any of its exemption boundaries by virtue of the following statement:

"We know that many similar applications across the state are waiting on the outcome of this application, which will set a precedent for the security of all other aquifers in California."

The full alert can be viewed at the following link: http://action.biologicaldiversity.org/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action KEY=17429.

In reviewing some of CBD's materials they have posted online they appear to be trying to link local land use matters that are the jurisdiction of the county in to the AE process in an effort to cloud the entire issue. Since those issues are outside the scope of your respective regulatory agencies, and outside the scope of review as it relates to the guidelines for aquifer exemption processing, I wouldn't expect your offices to be deeply versed on the background. Should you have questions related to the county's local land use process, or any other matter FM O&G can provide technical material on, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you in advance.

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